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# MISSISSIPPI TOWN FLOODED

## U. S. Business To Recover Despite Foreign Situation

Guaranty Survey Shows Similar Trend Occurred in 1921-22

## INTEREST ABROAD

### American Business Has Lost Ground While Watching Europe

NEW YORK.—The end of the year finds business activity at the lowest ebb since the beginning of the depression, states the Guaranty Trust Company of New York in the current issue of The Guaranty Survey, its monthly review of business and financial conditions here and abroad, published Monday.

"The year 1931, like 1930, has been one of swift and rather steady recession in the volume of business and in prices, punctuated by temporary rallies that created false hopes for recovery." The Survey continues. "In the early months of both years, there were fairly well defined increases in industrial output and in trade volumes that could not be traced entirely to seasonal causes; and these upturns were regarded in some quarters as the beginning of business revival. All such favorable interpretations were discredited by the actual course of developments."

"The New Year will bring with it many unsolved problems which will affect its course. The solution of these problems will take time and effort. The financial stabilizing of Europe, the balancing of our national budget, and the restoration of confidence are perhaps the outstanding tasks before us, but they are attended with many other problems involved in the situation. International debts, high tariffs, inflation, and political uncertainties are deterrents to economic progress that must be reckoned with, and still the process of readjustment to new standards of value must go on. The constructive efforts of the Government to strengthen bank, railroad, industrial and real estate credit bid fair to be helpful and it may be that the worst of the crisis is over both here and abroad. But only the developments of 1932 can reveal that."

"Altogether, this country and the world outside face one of the great dramatic moments of history whose outcome is still too clouded to be forecast and only as men's minds rest back upon the assurance that sound methods will eventually produce sound results and that the course of events is always upward in the long run is there any great ground for present optimism. Hard work, economy, and balanced production and budgets will be important factors in any recovery, and, if their lessons are learned, may speed it more rapidly than is now expected."

### 1931 Contrasted With 1930

"The past year differed from the preceding one chiefly in that it marked a definite shift of emphasis to the European situation, and to purely financial, as contrasted with industrial, disturbances. The temporary revival in the spring of 1930 was due partly to a general failure to appreciate the seriousness of the situation that had been gradually developing, and partly to the strenuous efforts that were made to stimulate confidence and prevent a drastic deflation of values. The improvement in the early part of 1931 was based on the view that the recession had run its normal course. But this view failed to take account of the critical financial situation that had arisen in Europe."

"So marked was this transfer of the center of interest from the domestic to the foreign scene that some observers have characterized the developments of 1931 as a secondary depression, differing in its cause and its manifestations from the one that preceded it. There is some basis for this view, although it appears that the European difficulties were as inevitable a consequence of the economic excesses of earlier years as were the declines in prices and business activity in the United States."

"The situation at the moment, is considerably more encouraging than it was two months ago, in spite of the failure of security and commodity prices to maintain the former endemics displayed in October and the early part of November. If the outlook depended entirely on conditions at home, it is conceivable that the possibilities for the early future might be regarded as fairly favorable. The fact is, however, that European prospects, which have become a vital factor in the American situation, are too unsettled to permit any confident expectations for several months to come. Some means will undoubtedly be found to provide for the German short-term credits which, under the 'stand-still' agreement, became due at the end of February. Any settlement, however, will necessarily be in the nature of a continuation of the present agreement. In other words, the credits will remain 'frozen,' and the freezing

## Where River Broke Loose Monday



As flood waters of the Tallahatchie river in northeastern Mississippi continued to rise, Webb, Miss., was one of the many towns isolated by high waters. The picture above shows the water-covered main street of the town. Webb, Glendora, Summer and other communities reported water from four to 10 feet deep, with many residents perched on housetops. More than 300 convicts from the state prison farm at Parchman, Miss., have been released for work on levees in that vicinity.

## Treasury to Turn Back 67 Million

### I. C. and Prairie Pipe Line Only Ones to Draw Million Apiece

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—A Treasury reconsideration on taxes and the decision that it had been wrong in many instances will put nearly 68½ million dollars back into the taxpayers' pockets for the 1931 fiscal year ending June 30th, it was announced Monday.

Only two separate refunds were for more than one million dollars, one to the Illinois Central and the other to the Prairie Pipe Line company of Independence, Kan.

Secretary Mellon himself received a refund of \$85,000 cash; and a matter of 21 persons and firms in Arkansas received refunds.

Senator Robinson received \$671, while the largest refund was to the Loutre Lumber company of El Dorado, \$10,608 for over-assessment in previous years. The Crossett Lumber company received \$1,893, and J. D. Reynolds of Camden, \$7,843.

## Community Store Is Sold Recently

### D. W. Bailey Sells Shover Springs Business to R. G. Byers

D. W. Bailey, well known Hope resident, who for the past three years has owned a general merchandise store at Shover Springs, three miles Southeast of this city, announced the sale of this business to R. G. Byers, the deal having been closed on last Wednesday.

Mr. Byers is not a stranger to the Shover Springs community. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Byers, former residents of Shover Springs.

For several years Mr. Byers has been a teacher in the public schools of the county.

Early this year he established a drug store at Kilgore, Texas, returning from there only recently.

## FLAPPER FANNY SAYS



A gown may be fitting and yet not proper.

## United Air Lines Plans Reduction of Its Rates

CHICAGO.—(AP)—United Air Lines are considering reducing passenger plane rates from coast to coast, Ray W. Ireland, eastern traffic manager, said Sunday.

Ireland said the size of the reduction had not been determined, but that an announcement would probably be made in a few days. The company operates planes from New York to Chicago and San Francisco, from Seattle to Los Angeles, and from Chicago to Dallas.

## 80 Pct. of Drouth Loans Are Repaid

### Arkansas Has Paid 3 1-3 Million in Cash, and Much Cotton

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(AP)—Eighty per cent of the \$21,000,000 seed loans made drought-stricken farmers of five Southern states by the Memphis federal loan office has been repaid either in cash or cotton collateral deposits, J. H. Lynch, administrative officer, announced Saturday.

Cash payments from the five states amounts to \$6,377,226. Cash payments and cotton deposits stored in warehouse as collateral by states follow: Alabama \$494,899 and 21,189 bales; Arkansas \$3,317,695 and 25,568 bales; Louisiana \$640,134 and 10,252 bales; Mississippi \$1,238,108 and 17,783 bales; and Tennessee \$686,388 and 5,996 bales.

In addition to this cotton and cash, farmers in the five states have 250,000 bales now in the hands of five co-operative associations for sale, pledged to the seed loan office for payments of loans, Mr. Lynch said.

## Michigan Archers Kill Three Deer On Reserve

BLANEY, Mich.—(AP)—Three deer have been killed in the Michigan archery reserve here this season.

The heaviest bow used was 68 pounds, but the most efficient work was done with 55 and 58 pound weapons.

In the past archers have differed on the type of weapons best to use, the majority being of the belief heavy bows pulling 70 pounds or more were best. Such large bows are almost impossible for the average man to use.

## Out of Debt, Cash Banked, Arkansas City All Smiles

MENA, Ark.—(AP)—The wolf does not linger at the door of Mena, Ark. For the county seat of Polk county is on a cash basis. The treasurer's report shows that all city employees will be paid in full at the end of the year, all outstanding warrants paid and a balance in the bank.

During the past year, without cutting salaries, Mena has purchased needed road equipment, fire hose and other necessities. A \$50,000 street paving program has just been completed, and plans are under way for paving another street.

## Lin Sen to Head Chinese Nationals

### Japs Blow Up Armored Train and Continue Advance

NANKING, China.—(AP)—Lin Sen, 67-year-old president of the legislative Yuan, was Monday elected chairman of the Chinese Nationalist government.

Japs on March MUKDEN, Manchuria.—(AP)—A young Japanese force moved up from Yinkow toward Kowpantze Monday to capture Tawa after blasting a Chinese armored train in a hard fight. Reports from the field said the Japanese objective may include Chinchow.

## Shot Three Times, Wounded Seriously

### Roy Defoor of Scott County Fired On by Postmaster, It Is Alleged

HOT SPRINGS.—Row Defoor, aged 31, employee of the Caddo Lumber Company at Forester, Scott county, was brought to the Leo N. Levy hospital Sunday suffering from three bullet wounds said to have been inflicted by Jack Hughes, also an employee of the lumber company and postmaster at Cedar Creek. Defoor was reported to be in a critical condition. Hughes escaped, following the shooting, it was said, and had not been apprehended.

The cause of the shooting was not known definitely, but it was reported the two men had been enemies for several years.

Defoor was brought to Hot Springs by his father, J. R. Defoor. He was shot in the right side just below the chest, in the right arm and in the neck. The shooting occurred about 5 p. m. near the Defoor home.

Forester is about 75 miles west of Hot Springs.

## Texan Finds Fish Make Good Decoys

### Large Tarpon Trailing in Water Attracts Another Which Is Caught

BROWNSVILLE, Texas.—(AP)—The use of decoys in duck hunting is as old as duck hunting.

But the use of a decoy in fishing had its first trial in this section recently and proved successful.

Dr. J. L. Rentrif of Brownsville, an inveterate fisherman, hooked a large tarpon in the waters of the Gulf near Fort Isabel. He trailed the tarpon along behind the boat and found that it attracted other tarpon, another six-footer being landed in a short time by members of the group.

## Ed Hicks, 68, Negro Citizen, Dies Here

Ed Hicks, aged 68, one of the best known negro citizens in the county, died Saturday night and was buried Sunday in Cave Hill cemetery. He worked for many years at the White House, East Second street. Funeral arrangements were handled by Hope Furniture company.

## Bulletins

BOMBAY.—(AP)—Mahatma Gandhi, in his first speech after his return from London, told a crowd of 50,000 white-capped Nationalists in an open field Monday that he would not flinch from sacrificing the lives of a million people as the price of India's liberty. In their last fight Nationalist congress members had to face staves, he said, but next time they "may have to face bullets."

CONWAY.—(AP)—Joe Dixon, 12 was killed and two companions were injured when the automobile Dixon was driving overturned north of here Sunday. Lee Boyd, 15, and Less Acre, 14, were thrown clear of the wreckage, suffering slight injuries, while Dixon was pinned underneath.

## Baby Killer Pair Are Turned Loose

### Suspects Freed in Harlem Murder, But One Will Die

NEW YORK.—(AP)—Vincent Coll and Frank Biordane were acquitted by an order of court Monday of the murder of 5-year-old Michael Vengali, who was slain in a Harlem street last summer by a gangster fusillade.

The principal witness for the prosecution was George Bright of St. Louis, who positively identified the defendants as the killers. But under cross-examination he admitted he lied when he said he had never been a witness in a previous trial.

Giordane is already under death sentence for the murder of Joseph Mulen, and Coll faces charges on a gun-toting law, in which he had jumped bail, and also charges in connection with a \$30,000 dairy holdup three years ago.

## Young Minister To Be Ordained Here

### Willie Rister, of Near Lewisville, Will Be Given Right to Preach

An invitation is extended to the general public to attend an ordination service at the Garrett Memorial Baptist church on next Friday night, beginning at 7 o'clock.

At this time Willie Rister, who has been studying for the ministry for a number of years will be ordained.

A number of outstanding ministers have been invited to attend this service.

Mr. Rister is formerly from near Patmos, but for the past several years has lived near Lewisville.

## Create Wood Yard For Unemployed

### Malvern Mayor Puts Jobless to Cutting Wood for Sale in City

MALVERN, Ark.—(AP)—A wood yard has been established here for the unemployed by Mayor H. A. Givens. The city pays the workers by the cord and rick, and sells the wood to residents.

The wood is secured from persons with land to clear, who give the timber free to get it hauled away. Street department employees haul the wood here.

## Catholic Priest Finishes Poem of 25,000 Verses

CHICAGO.—(AP)—Dante was a man of brevity compared to the Rev. Father George Blatter, Chicago poet.

Father Blatter, former pastor of a Catholic church here, has completed a 25,000-verse poem dealing with the after-life, according to word reaching here from Rome.

Where Dante's "Inferno" recounted only one visit to the nether regions and contained only 10,000 verses, Father Blatter's poem tells of three such visits. He left here in 1928 to go as a missionary to Afghanistan.

## R. A. Cook Resigns From Audit Group, May Be Candidate

### Secretary Quits Commission, Possibly for Pulaski County Race

## IS SECOND TO RESIGN

### Chancellor Futrell Quit Last Spring to Force Granting of New Powers

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—R. A. Cook, Little Rock, secretary of the State Highway Audit Commission, resigned at a meeting of the commission Monday—but his resignation was not accepted until a successor might be chosen.

Cook, former sheriff of Pulaski county and mentioned as a candidate for county judge, said a clause in the highway audit act prohibiting audit commission members from becoming candidates during the next two years was his reason for resigning.

## Second Resignation

Mr. Cook's resignation is the second to be reported by the Highway Audit Commission since its appointment by Governor Farnell last spring.

Chancellor Futrell of Paragould, former chairman of the commission, resigned early in the summer during a controversy over the powers of the auditing body, and was succeeded by Judge William Waggoner of Lonoke, who also became new chairman of the commission.

Although Chancellor Futrell resigned abruptly, his action was understood to be based on the assumption that the Highway Audit Commission did not have adequate powers under the auditing act passed by the regular session of the legislature last January.

Under the chairmanship of Judge Waggoner, however, the Audit Commission continued its fight for further powers, ending in a terrific political battle at the extraordinary session of the legislature this fall.

Governor Farnell unexpectedly included the highway audit issue in his special session call. The house voted with the audit commission, but the senate held out for a bill said to be supported by the State Highway Department.

After a prolonged fight, the two branches agreed on a compromise auditing bill, with greater powers than the original 1931 act, and the Highway Audit Commission has proceeded under that authority. Mr. Cook's resignation is the first change reported in the personnel of the auditing body since the passage of the new act.

Clause Knocked Out Although unsupported by a test suit, the failure of the emergency clause to be attached to the new auditing act was believed to have invalidated the clause referred to by Mr. Cook as prohibiting members of the Audit Commission from running for public office. The date named as the deadline for the filing of pledges not to be a candidate, would have expired before the 90 days necessary for an act to become effective without the emergency clause. However, Mr. Cook appeared to be guided by the language of the law rather than trust to litigation, even though this might be successful.

## Ozark Cannerns to Hold Convention

### Owners of 250 Tomato Canning Plants to Meet January 7 and 8

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—(AP)—The Ozarks Cannery Association, composed of owners of more than 250 tomato canning plants in the Missouri and Arkansas Ozarks, will meet here in annual convention January 7 and 8.

Earl M. Rush, president of the association, said 500 carloads of canned tomatoes had been moved from the district this fall and that 900 cars are in storage.

## Alamo's Privacy Saved From Business Intrusion

SAN ANTONIO, Texas.—(AP)—The state of Texas has acted to keep towering skyscrapers away from the Alamo, its hallowed shrine of freedom.

But when the legislature appropriated \$150,000 with which to purchase business property adjacent to the old mission-fortress, built by the Franciscan monks in 1718, it lacked \$65,000 of putting up enough. It remained for Mrs. Clara Driscoll Sevier to supply the remainder from her personal resources.

It was not the first time she had come to the rescue of the landmark. Twenty-five years ago, as a school-girl, she aided in a campaign to buy a nearby business lot, on which it was proposed to erect a hotel.

## Levee Crumbles and Glendora Is Five Feet Under

### Strawberry Plans Bloom Once More

CONWAY.—Strawberry plants blooming and bearing young berries on Christmas day is a rare phenomenon in Faulkner county, but A. J. Matthews exhibited some plants from his farm at Pickles Gap which bore both blooms and young fruit. Mr. Matthews has an acre of one of the earliest varieties of berries, and said that if mild weather continued for 15 days he would have ripe strawberries. He said the exceptionally early blooming of the berries would not prevent them from producing a crop next spring.

## Tallahatchie Goes on Rampage After December Storm

### Water Pours Into Business District Early Monday Morning

## RESIDENCES SAVED

### Yazoo Rail Dump Protects the Homes of City Apparently

CLARKSDALE, Miss.—(AP)—Glendora levee crumbled Monday before the raging Tallahatchie river, and water began pouring into Glendora to a depth of five feet.

Water poured into the business section, but there was no loss of life, and it was believed that the residential section is safe from the onrush, owing to the protection given by the embankment of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley Railroad dump.

Every store in Glendora is flooded, and a considerable number of residences are in water.

## Hempstead Nears 29,000-Bale Mark

### This Year's Cotton Production May Set New Record

The ginning report for Hempstead county showed 28,689 bales up to December 13, the Bureau of the Census advised. William Bruhmer, local enumerator, Monday when he confirmed his preliminary report.

The December 13th tabulation compares with 13,337 bales on the same date in 1930.

The current crop is certain to be the second largest in the history of Hempstead county, and many observers believe it will be the largest ever produced when final figures are available.

Hempstead reached an all-time peak in 1925 with a production of almost 31,000 bales, and in 1926, the year of the largest American crop, produced nearly 29,000 bales.

## Bank in Oklahoma Robbed of \$6,000

### Three Unmasked Young Men Loot Poteau Institution and Escape

FORT SMITH.—Between \$6,000 and \$7,000 was taken by three young, unmasked men about noon Saturday when they robbed the Central National bank of Poteau, Okla. Miss Mary Vasser, bookkeeper, was alone in the bank when the bandits arrived. Only one entered at first. The others entered soon after the first had scooped up all the cash in the till and entered the vault.

Miss Vasser was left lying on the floor with orders "not to move for 10 minutes, or we will come back and get you." She was found 10 minutes later by a customer. She said the first man told her: "I hate to do this, but I'm a poor man and have to."

## Negroes Accused in Farmer's Death

### J. B. Polk of Union Co. Believed Shot During Argument Over Debt

STEPHENS, Ark.—(AP)—J. B. Polk, 50, farmer, was shot to death at his farm near here Friday and one negro is held in jail and his 17-year-old son is being sought as a result officers believe of an argument over a debt.



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## The Star's Platform

### CITY

Develop the revenues of the municipal power plant to develop the city and social resources of Hope.  
 Improve city pavement in 1931, and improved sanitary conditions in the city and business back-yards.  
 Support the Chamber of Commerce.

### COUNTY

A county highway program providing for the construction of a certain amount of all-weather road each year, to gradually reduce the number of mud-baths.  
 Political and economic support for every scientific agricultural program which offers practical benefits to Hempstead county's greatest asset.

Encourage farmer organizations, believing that co-operative effort is the practical way in which it is in town.  
 Continued progress on the state highway program.  
 Fearless tax reform, and a more efficient government through the reorganization of expenditures.  
 Free Arkansas from its cattle tick.

## Disarming the World

WHEN Senator Borah broadcast to Europe the flat assertion that failure to disarm is a direct slap in the face of the Versailles treaty, he touched on a point that ought to have attracted a lot more attention than it does.

Under that treaty, if you remember, Germany was almost completely disarmed. Stripped of her submarines and her air force and forbidden to replace these losses, limited to a third-rate navy and an army of 100,000 men, Germany was in the strict military meaning of the expression, to be a "great power."

That, of course, was simply part of the program laid down by the victors. But the treaty added that all of this was to be a preliminary to general disarmament all around. Germany must disarm first, but her conquerors would follow suit in the immediate future.

But today, as Senator Borah points out, nearly \$5,000,000 a year is being spent on armaments. The Versailles disarmament clause has simply been ignored.

Yet Senator Borah's speech was not any more instructive than the way in which it was received.

There were two meetings in Paris that night; one to discuss the Versailles treaty, and the other to discuss the disarmament of Germany. The disarmament meeting was held in a hall and the Versailles treaty meeting proceeded in an orderly manner.

Alanson B. Houghton was unable to make his speech at the Versailles treaty meeting. He voiced a rather obvious truth when he said "the spirit must prevail over the brute forces of the world" and was greeted with a cry of "Nonsense!" from young men in front of him—which indicates the high plane which can motivate the foes of armament reduction.

All of this indicates rather clearly the exceedingly tough row that advocates of world peace have to hoe. Logic and reason may be on their side. They may have the solemn pledge of the Versailles treaty in their favor. But they are up against an angry passion that will not listen to them. The prospects is extremely discouraging.

## Schoolboy Franks

MINNESOTA jury the other day imposed a fine of \$750 on a school superintendent for spanking a boy who had a tack in the seat of the little girl in front of him; and whether the ordinary citizen agrees that the fine was deserved or not, he will at least read of the incident with a good deal of interest. For it indicates that if one old American gets his slipping, another one, equally venerable, is still driving.

In the old days no jury would have dreamed of fining a schoolmaster for flogging a juvenile culprit. In that respect American schools have changed tremendously. But in the very first of all the little red schoolhouses, no doubt, small boys put tacks in the seats of their feminine schoolmates; and, in a world of change, it is somehow comforting to learn that they are still doing it. It may be tough on the girls, but it is reassuring to us elders.

## The Marketplace

DISCUSSING the development of the daily newspaper and its place in the community which it serves, the Jackson (Miss.) Clarion-Leader says:

When a carrier leaves a paper on a doorstep, it may not occur to him that he is playing a part in the economic life of his town, but so it is, for to each individual reader he is really delivering the "market place of the community." How many carriers—how many readers even—would recognize their familiar newspaper under such a title? Yet such it literally is.

The newspaper as a market place is but the culmination of a long development. Generations ago, the market place for the hardy families of the frontier was the traveling peddler. Subsequently he shifted his pack from his back to a horse or wagon. Then he was supplanted by the general store, which in turn gave way to the large department store and specialty shops.

The development of the daily newspaper as a purveyor of information has been rapid and complete. It has been only a few years since a daily paper was a novelty in the average town. But today we have few families, even in the rural districts, where it is not a regular and a welcome visitor. In fair weather and foul, this "market-place" comes in the form of news—news of what to buy and why, where to buy and when—and even how much to pay.

A few weeks ago the Merchants Association of the State of New York sent a questionnaire to 2,000 families, gathered random from telephone directories. The question was asked: "What type of advertising attracts you most?" The tabulated replies were as follows: Newspaper advertising 29; Window displays, 86; Friends' opinions 45; Circular letters 10; Mail order catalogues 8; Billboards 4; Handbills 3; etc.

As the "market place" of the community, newspaper advertising does save time for the shopper; it does lower the cost to the consumer; it does insure income to the manufacturer and the merchant.—West Point (Miss.) Times-Leader.

## What! No Privacy?



## Do You Remember?

### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

Tom McMath spent Christmas at home.

Dorsey McRae visited relatives at Camden and Stephens this week.

Chas. C. McRae, of Houston, Texas, is spending the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Logan, of Prescott, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wingfield.

Harper Marshall, an old Hope boy now living at Shreveport, visited relatives here this week.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Miss Louise Porter, teacher in the high school, left this afternoon for North Little Rock to spend Christmas with her relatives.

Miss Katherine Bourne, a student at St. Mark's Academy, at Little Rock, is at home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bourne.

Miss Clarice Cannon will arrive from Shreveport for a Christmas visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Cannon.

James Martindale, a student of the State University, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Miriam Carlton, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carlton, is entertaining this evening with a party at her home on East Third avenue, for the pleasure of her friend, Rose Josephine Battle, of Marshall, Texas.

### Dies—Lives Again

LOS ANGELES.—Her breath died down and her heart ceased to beat. Mrs. William M. Wheeler was apparently dead. But an hour and a half after the family's first shock of grief, Mrs. Wheeler opened her eyes. Since her "death" she has been showing remarkable progress in recovering from double labor pneumonia.

Chile is the largest coal producer of any Latin American nation. Mexico ranks second.

## In Florida's Style Parade



Miss Nell Hughes of Memphis, Tenn., is shown above as she appeared on the beach at Miami Beach, Fla., where she has joined in the fashion parade which features huge straw beach hats and pajamas.

## Prominent Little Rock Doctor Is Death Victim

LITTLE ROCK.—(P)—Dr. William Enoch Jones, 62, well known Little Rock physician and surgeon, died at a hospital here Friday.

Dr. Jones began his medical career at Charleston, Ark., in the 90's and in 1897 moved to Poteau, Okla., where he practiced for a number of years. He was medical examiner for a government board from 1904 to 1907 and also acted as division surgeon for the Kansas City Southern railroad. He came here in 1918.

The heart of the average adult is 5 inches long, 3 1/2 inches broad, and 2 1/2 inches thick.

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

### The CALL of the WILD



## Famous Fortunes Hit By Depression

Vanderbilts Drop 43 Million—G. F. Baker Loses 30

NEW YORK.—(P)—The severe decline in the price of railroad securities has involved a heavy shrinkage in fortunes of several noted families as measured by security market values.

Some of these had one or more members who in an earlier day played a leading part in railroad control and management, like the Vanderbilt and Harriman families. Other estates suffered a heavy depreciation through railroad investments of comparatively recent making.

A depreciation of almost \$100,000,000 since January 1 in the rail stock holdings of five well known families is estimated by E. Edward Laufer, statistician of the New York Stock Exchange firm of Louchein, Minton & Co.

The heaviest loss shown in the compilation affects the rail holdings of the Vanderbilt family which show an estimated depreciation of \$43,152,000, largely in New York Central. The next largest loss is that estimated to have been suffered by heirs of the late George F. Baker, amounting to \$30,800,000, the larger part contributed by a \$10,750,000 shrinkage in Lackawanna and New York Central holdings.

The decline in the Harriman family holdings was placed at \$8,756,000, of which more than \$3,700,000 resulted from the heavy decline in the market value of Union Pacific stock.

Railroad holdings of Arthur Curtiss James had a market slump equal to about \$9,000,000, the compilation says, mainly in large holdings of Western Pacific, which he controls. Other heavy losses are charged up to his reported holdings of Great Northern and Southern Pacific.

New York Central and subsidiary line holdings of Edward S. Harkness are said to have suffered a market depreciation of \$7,508,000.

Holdings of the above families upon which these estimates of depreciation were based were disclosed early this year in testimony before a Congressional committee.

## In No Hurry

HOUSTON, Texas.—In a friendly scuffle Robert Jones, 35-year-old negro, was shot in the leg by Alex Mims, Jones went to the hospital and there was asked if he wanted to file charges against Mims. "No suh," the negro replied, "I don't want to file no charges. Alex done told me he gonna support my family while I'm in de hospital, and I wants him outa jail to do it."

Business experts are looking for a revival. And so, probably, is Almee Simple McPherson Hutton.

A Hollywood syndicate was found to be distributing liquor instead of films. Which makes it appear that talkies are turning into speakeasies.

## Reports Robbery of \$91,000 Gems



Burglars entered the room of Mrs. Charles Levine, above, wife of the first trans-Atlantic flight passenger, in an Atlantic City hotel and stole gems valued at \$91,000, she reported to police.

## COMMISSIONER'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN. That in pursuance of the authority and directions contained in the decretal order of the Chancery Court of Hempstead County, made and entered on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1931 in a certain cause (No. 2454) then pending therein between National Savings & Loan Association complainant, and Frank O. Deatherage, et al, defendants, the undersigned, as Commissioner of said Court, will offer for sale at public vendue to the highest bidder, at the front door or entrance of the Court House, Washington, Arkansas, in the County of Hempstead, within the hours prescribed by law for judicial sales, on Monday, the 4th day of January, A. D. 1932, the following described real estate, situated in Hempstead County, Arkansas, to-wit:

Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block One (1) Ruffin's Addition to Hope, Hempstead County, Arkansas.

TERMS OF SALE: On a credit of three months, the purchaser being required to execute a bond as required by law and order and decree of said Court in said cause, with approved security, bearing interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from date of sale until paid, and a lien being retained on the premises sold to secure the payment of the purchase money.

Given under my hand this 14th day of December, A. D. 1931.  
 WILLIE HARRIS  
 Commissioner in Chancery.  
 Dec. 14, 21, 28.

## "Mental Anguish"

FORT WORTH, Tex.—Did you know that a golf ball could cause "mental anguish"? Well, it can, to the extent of \$5,000. Dr. A. W. Montague has filed suit for that amount against Dr. G. R. Baker. Dr. Montague claims that he was struck by a ball driven by Dr. Baker as they were engaged in a friendly match, the resulting pain causing him mental anguish. And it was a friendly game!

Only one third of the 20,800,000 productive acres of Manchuria have been cultivated.

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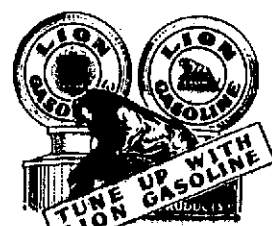
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# SOCIETY NEWS

Sid Henry Telephone 321

no splendid gift to make, so thought he, any extra step he'd take to be a friend to be.

ver he could help be a course was laid, he spared the strength which he did spend for aid.

What of others need he know never hid, he which he had power to do gladly did.

oved the friend to poor and weak, and rain and cold the service some men seek to buy with gold.—E. A. G.

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and Mrs. W. W. Duckett returned Sunday afternoon from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. B. E. in Little Rock.

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ers the many delightful Christmas, was the six o'clock dinner Saturday evening given by and Mrs. R. A. Boyett at their South main street. The home light and cheery with the gule and, and a like motif was used stable decorations and service, were laid for Mr. and Mrs. P. Margaret Smith of Dallas, and Mrs. Ruffin Boyett and Mr. Ruffin III and Edith Eliz-

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SAENGER LAST TIMES MONDAY Norma Shearer Robt. Montgomery

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CHARLES FARRELL and MADGE EVANS through HEARTBREAK to happiness

He risked dishonor... She risked the scorn of her people for a love that swept away barriers of hate.

A Fox Picture

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Mrs. O. J. Evans, and Misses Hazel-maud, Annie Ruth Hendrix, of Jena, La., spent the holidays visiting their parents here, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hendrix, and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Evans.

Mrs. Della McClanahan, and her daughters, Misses Del and Florence, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McGraw, of Nashville.

Misses Jack Porter and Maude Lipcomb visited with friends in Gurdon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Moss of Sulphur, La., and Miss Marion Arnette of Gering, La., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Robkin and Miss Bernice Robkin have returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Keo, Ark.

Dr. and Mrs. James G. Martindale had as Sunday guests, Judge and Mrs. J. O. A. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Bush and Mrs. Judson Bush, who were en route to their homes at Prescott after a holiday visit with Judge and Mrs. Dexter Bush, at Texarkana.

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Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Hamilton, of Russellville, are spending the holidays with friends and relatives here.

Dr. Fred Middlebrooks, a former Hope boy, but not practicing medicine at Nachodoches, Tex., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Middlebrooks here.

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Col. Charles and Mrs. Garrett, of Little Rock, spent the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Fannie Garrett. They returned Sunday morning.

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marak, and their baby daughter, Peggy Anne, of St. Louis, have been spending the holidays with the family of her sister, Mrs. W. R. Jones. Mr. Marak returned home yesterday, while Mrs. Marak will remain here for a while.

Personal Mention

Miss Wilma Collins of Spring Hill, underwent an operation at the Julia Chester hospital of this city Sunday. Her condition is reported to be satisfactory.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moman and little daughter, Wanda Jean, of Kilgore, Texas, are spending the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends near Spring Hill.

Cecil Parker of Phoenix Ariz., is expected to arrive in Hope Monday for a visit with friends. He was connected with the John S. Gibson drug store here for twenty-five years.

Max Robinson, formerly of the Crescent Drug store, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Robinson, at Washington. Max is attending the College of the Ozarks, at Clarksville.

Hope Rotarians are to meet with the Prescott club Tuesday night. Terrell Cornelius is in charge of arrangements.

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### Hiker Here



Ralph K. Bradford

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To Whom It May Concern:

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We welcome him to our city of Hope, Arkansas, and wish for him only pleasant experiences in his travels.

John P. Vesey, Mayor.

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Being a deaf-mute is no detriment to being a good sport and a globe trotter, like Ralph. People who sit around in their homes all day and brag about their illness, should take Ralph for a good example. He was stricken by infantile paralysis at the age of three years. Given up as a hopeless cripple for the rest of his natural life by many physicians, Ralph entered the Indiana State School for the Deaf at Indianapolis in 1910, and left there in 1923. Still, in poor health, he set out alone not only to improve his health, but to increase his education by nature and plant life study. Up to this date Ralph has an unchallenged record of 38,000 miles. To prove this, he carries a huge press scrap book filled with hundreds of newspaper clippings, and postage stamps from at least a dozen other countries throughout the world. He has scores of signatures from governors, mayors, police and fire chiefs and many other people whom Ralph has met in his long travels.

At an early age Ralph was a news boy like many other kids wishing to start a career in life. For ten years he sold newspapers and worked in the factories of Indianapolis. On reaching New York City next year and meeting Mr. Ripley there he may get a movie contract to appear in Ripley's motion pictures entitled, "The Silent Hiker." "Believe It or Not" films. It sure is a great life out in the fresh air, Ralph told the Hope Star Monday.



**Wash Tubbs**

ONE DRIVER DON'T SEEM TO REALIZE THAT IT'S THE AUTO THAT'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE PICKUP!

**People Who Live In Stone Houses Shouldn't Throw Glasses**

YOU BRUTE!

**LOTTA WOKUM**

THE LEAST HE SHOULD'VE HAD WAS A DRAW!

THANKS TO BILLY O'BONOR MEMPHIS, TENN.

**SIDE GLANCES** By George Clark

**SALESMAN SAM** By Small

**The Old Fox!**

GET IN ON DIS STUNT, SAM! ALL DE BOXERS IS GONNA CRAWL INTO DA RING AN' START SLUGGIN'! DE LAST ONE WOT'S STANDIN' ON HIS FEET GITS FIVE BUCKS FROM ME DAT I'M PUTTIN' UP!

ALL YA HAFTA DO IS BE STANDIN' ON YER FEET IN TH' RING, HUH? OKAY BY ME, BATTLE, OL' KEE!

SAM HOWDY KEE

© POUT

**AND SO THE FREE-FER-ALL IS ON!**

SOCK ☆ SOCK

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OH, BUT WHERE IS SAM?

HEY, AXIE, LEMME KNOW WHEN TH' BOYS ARE ALL OUT — THEN I'LL DROP DOWN!

**OUR BOARDING HOUSE** By Ahern

LOOK, M'DEAR! — SOME OF MY FRIENDS GAVE ME THESE BOXES OF CHRISTMAS CIGARS — NOT AS GIFTS, Y'KNOW — EVIDENTLY THEY WERE GIVEN TO THE MEN BY THEIR WIVES — OR ELSE THE MEN ARE GIVING UP SMOKING!

WELL, YOU'RE NOT SMOKING THEM IN THIS HOUSE! YOU CAN SMOKE 'EM OUT ON THE CITY DUMPS, OR NEXT TO A TANNERY — BUT YOU'LL NOT LIGHT UP ANY OF THOSE GOAT ROPES IN HERE!

AFTER CHRISTMAS FUMIGATORS

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**OUT OUR WAY** By Williams

HE-HE MAKES US LOOK LIKE A FAMILY OF BUMS. LOOK AT THAT! TRAILING ALONG AFTER ME, THRU THE BEST PART OF TOWN.

WELL, YOU CAN'T EXPECT A TRUCK T' LOOK LIKE A LIMOUSINE! ALL SHE'LL CARRY IS A COUPLA DAINTY LITTLE PACKAGES AN' I HAFTA CARRY TH' SPUDS AN' LIVER AN' ALL TH' LOWBROW STUFF — SHE PURRS ALONG LIKE A LIMOUSINE, TRYNA BE HIGH HAT, WITH A TRAILER ON BEHIND, FULLO' SPUDS.

WELL, AT LEAST THE TRAILER COULD BE LOADED A LITTLE NEATER IF THE LIMOUSINE IS TOO CLASBY TO CARRY ANY OF IT.

WHY MOTHERS GET GRAY.

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**WASH TUBBS**

AFTER RECOVERING THE GREEN-HANDLED DAGGER, WASH AND RIP RETURN TO THE INN.

HEY! LOOK! SOME-BODY'S SIN SEARCHIN' MY ROOM AGAIN.

WOLFGANG!

WELL, THEY AIN'T NUTHIN TO GET EXCITED ABOUT, SPORT. HE PROBABLY DONE IT HOURS AGO.

SURE! LONG BEFORE HE EVEN TRIED TO BUY MY DAGGER, I BETCHA.

**A Prowler!**

KACHOO!

A SNEEZE! INSTANTLY, WASH AND RIP LEAP INTO ACTION.

IT ISN'T WOLFGANG — MY GOSH! IT'S A GIRL!

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**BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES** By Gosh!

PENCE IS STILL BURNING ABOUT THAT PRESENT HE GOT FROM "THE GANG"! IS HE SORE!

A LOCKET — FOR ME — A MAN LIKE ME!!! I DON'T SEE ANYTHING FUNNY ABOUT IT

MEN! DON'T WEAR LOCKETS! I'LL GET THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE ME FEEL BAD — JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE OLDER

WELL, D-D-O-GONIT — I'M EVERY BIT AS TALL AS THEY ARE — AND I SHAVE, TOO

BUT, GOSH — I WONDER IF BOOTS REALLY THINKS I'D WEAR IT?? — I KNOW — I'LL THROW IT AWAY SOMETIME — WHEN SHE'S LOOKING

**Insurance!** By Blosser

OUR CLUB HOUSE IS JUST DOWN THE TRACK A PIECE... TH' WHOLE GANG IS THERE, SO WE'RE IN FOR A SCRAP — IF WE CAN'T TAKE THE CLUB HOUSE BY STORM, I'LL USE MY BIG DOG POODLE...

GEE — I DON'T WANTA FIGHT, BUT I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO, NOW... SHUCKS!!

SAY! WE CAN'T HAVE COLD FEET, NOW — THEY STOLE IT AN' WE'RE GOING TO GET IT BACK... WE'LL SHOW THAT CROWD!!

WE COULD HAVE MISSED ALL OF THIS TROUBLE, IF WE'D ONLY USED OUR HEADS!!

DON'T TALK LIKE A FISH... HOW COULD WE HAVE KEPT THEM FROM STEALIN' OUR CLUB HOUSE?

BY HAVIN' IT INSURED AGAINST THEFT!!

**FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS**

ANZY AND HIS GANG, WHO HAVE STOLEN THE OODLES CLUB HOUSE, SEE THE OODLES COMING DOWN THE RAILROAD TRACK... FRECKLES, OR THE DOODLE OF THE OODLES, SPIES THE CLUB HOUSE, WITH THE GANG AROUND IT.

GEE — I THINK THEY SAW US... AN' THERE'S A WHOLE MESS OF 'EM, TOO!!

**Pop Evens Things Up!** By Cowan

MY LOVELY CHRISTMAS PRESENT, FROM GLADYS

MY FOOT BALL WENT CROCKED

WHOA! STAY YOUR HAND!! REMEMBER, YOU'LL HAVE T' PUT UP WITH A FEW BROKEN LAMPS — AND, BESIDES, WHO GAVE HER THAT FOOT-BALL FOR CHRISTMAS?

**THE NEWFANGLES (Mom'n Pop)**

WELL, LET HER TOOT THAT THING OUT DOORS, I'M NEARLY CRAZY, WITH ALL THAT NOISE!!

IT'S TOO COLD OUT DOORS IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND THIS IS THAT CHILDS HOME! YOU'LL HAVE T' PUT UP WITH A LOT OF THINGS... AND WHO GAVE HER THE HORN?

TOOT! TOOT! TOOT! TOOT! TOOT!

CRASH! ? ? ?

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